

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims _____ have been amended as shown on pp. ____ of the Reply. In addition, the specification has been amended as indicated on p. ____.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-47 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-37 and 39-47 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-37 and 39-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gotou *et al.* (US 2002/0013635 A1) in view of Bryant *et al.* (US 2004/0236450 A1).

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP246USC].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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